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SUBJECT: ZAMBIA AND PORTUGAL TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

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1. PORTUGUESE FONMIN MELO ANTUNES, ACCOMPANIED BY FONMIN
OFFICIAL ANTONIO MARTINS DA CRUZ, FLEW INTO LUSAKA FROM DAR
EVENING OF APRIL 2 ON ZAMBIAN AIRWAYS NEWLY-ACQUIRED 737
AIRLINER AND IMMEDIATELY LAUNCHED INTO ALL-NIGHT DISCUSSIONS
WITH PRESIDENT KAUNDA AND FONMIN MWAANGA. MWAANGA LATER TOLD
ME THAT HE AND ANTUNES, AFTER KAUNDA RETIRED ABOUT 3 A.M.,
CONTINUED DISCUSSION UNTIL 4 A.M.

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2. IN JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED NOON APRIL 3, MWAANGA AND ANTUNES STATED TWO SIDES HAVE AGREED TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AT AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT. MOREOVER, ZAMBIA AND PORTUGAL ARE AGREED ON NEED FOR COOPERATION IN FIELDS OF TRADE, ECONOMY, CULTURE, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PLUS ANY OTHERS WHICH MIGHT PROVE MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL. PORTUGUESE DELEGATION WILL VISIT ZAMBIA LATER FOR PURPOSE OF NEGOTIATING, CONCLUDING, AND SIGNING AGREEMENTS IN THESE AREAS.

3. ON ARRIVAL APRIL 2, ANTUNES HELD AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE IN WHICH HE REPORTEDLY DECLARED PORTUGAL WILL NOT SWERVE FROM ITS OBLIGATION TO GRANT INDEPENDENCE TO MOZAMBIQUE AND ANGOLA DESPITE CLASHES BETWEEN RIVAL FACTIONS AND CLANDESTINE REACTIONARY MOVEMENTS (NOT CLEAR WHETHER ANTUNES WAS SPEAKING OF PORTUGAL OR ANGOLA IN THIS CONTEXT). ANTUNES CALLED ON THREE ANGOLAN MOVEMENTS TO DEMONSTRATE "POLITICAL MATURITY", RESPECT ALVOR AGREEMENT, AND COOPERATE FOR COMMON GOOD OF THE COUNTRY. WITH THEIR ASSISTANCE PORTUGUESE GOVT WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE EFFORTS TO SUPPRESS AND ISOLATE ELEMENTS WHICH ARE TRYING TO UNDERMINE PEACEFUL DECOLONIZATION PROCESS, ANTUNES SAID.

4. COMMENT: LENGTH OF SESSIONS WITH ANTUNES UNLIKELY TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR BY NEGOTIATIONS OVER RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS, WHICH MORE OR LESS EXPECTED IN WAKE OAU FOREIGN MINISTERS DECISION ON AFRICAN-PORTUGUESE TIES AND TANZANIAN DECISION TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH PORTUGAL (DAR 920). WE ASSUME THEREFORE THAT ANGOLAN SITUATION WAS, AS MWAANGA INDICATED IT WOULD BE (REFTEL), MAJOR TOPIC OF DISCUSSION.
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